Chapter 7. Taxation of Mobile Homes

IC 6-1.1-7-1

Assessment and taxation: "mobile home" defined

- Sec. 1. (a) Mobile homes which are located within this state on the assessment date of a year shall be assessed and taxed for that year in the manner provided in this chapter. If a provision of this chapter conflicts with another provision of this article, the provision of this chapter controls with respect to the assessment and taxation of mobile homes.
- (b) For purposes of this chapter, "mobile home" means a dwelling which:
 - (1) is factory assembled;
 - (2) is transportable;
 - (3) is intended for year around occupancy;
 - (4) exceeds thirty-five (35) feet in length; and
- (5) is designed either for transportation on its own chassis or placement on a temporary foundation.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.47, SEC.1.)

IC 6-1.1-7-2

Assessing mobile homes

Sec. 2. The department of local government finance may adopt rules in order to provide a method for assessing mobile homes. These rules must be consistent with this article, including the factors required under IC 6-1.1-31-7.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.47, SEC.1.) As amended by P.L.24-1986, SEC.10; P.L.6-1997, SEC.29; P.L.90-2002, SEC.55; P.L.1-2004, SEC.11 and P.L.23-2004. SEC.12.

IC 6-1.1-7-3

Placement of mobile home; reports

Sec. 3. A person who permits a mobile home to be placed on any land which he owns, possesses, or controls shall report that fact to the assessor of the township in which the land is located within ten (10) days after the mobile home is placed on the land. The ten (10) day period commences the day after the day that the mobile home is placed upon the land.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.47, SEC.1.)

IC 6-1.1-7-4

Place of assessment

- Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a mobile home which is located within this state on the assessment date of a year shall be assessed at the place where it is located.
- (b) A mobile home which is located within this state on the assessment date of a year and which is owned by a person who is a resident of this state shall be assessed at the place where the owner resides on that assessment date unless:

- (1) the place where the mobile home is located on the assessment date is different from the place where the owner resides on that date; and
- (2) the mobile home is either regularly used or permanently situated at the place where it is located.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.47, SEC.1.)

IC 6-1.1-7-5

Township assessor; duties

Sec. 5. A mobile home which is subject to taxation under this chapter shall be assessed by the assessor of the township within which the place of assessment is located. Each township assessor of a county shall certify the assessments of mobile homes to the county auditor in the same manner provided for the certification of personal property assessments. The township assessor shall make this certification on the forms prescribed by the department of local government finance.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.47, SEC.1.) As amended by P.L.90-2002, SEC.56.

IC 6-1.1-7-6

Rate of tax; taxing district

Sec. 6. A tax is imposed upon each mobile home which is located within this state on the assessment date of a year. The rate of this tax for the year is the total rate used by the appropriate taxing district for tangible property taxes which are due that same year. The appropriate taxing district is the one in which the place of asssessment of the mobile home is located.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.47, SEC.1.)

IC 6-1.1-7-7

Liability for tax; installment payments

- Sec. 7. (a) The owner of a mobile home on the assessment date of a year is liable for the taxes imposed upon the mobile home for that year. Except as provided in subsection (b), the owner shall pay the taxes in two (2) equal, semi-annual installments. These semi-annual installments are due on May 10 and November 10 of the year of assessment.
- (b) A county council may adopt an ordinance to require an owner to pay his property tax liability for his mobile home in one (1) installment, if the tax liability for a particular year is less than twenty-five dollars (\$25). If the county council has adopted such an ordinance, then whenever a tax statement mailed under IC 6-1.1-22-8 shows that an owner's property tax liability for a particular year for a mobile home is less than twenty-five dollars (\$25), the owner shall pay the entire tax liability for the mobile home for that year on May 10 of that year.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.47, SEC.1.) As amended by P.L.57-1986, SEC.1.

IC 6-1.1-7-8

Receipt for payment

Sec. 8. When a person pays the taxes imposed upon a mobile home, the county treasurer shall give the person a receipt for the payment. The county treasurer shall prepare the receipt on the form prescribed by the state board of accounts.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.47, SEC.1.)

IC 6-1.1-7-9

Late payment or nonpayment; penalties

Sec. 9. If a semi-annual installment of taxes imposed for a year upon a mobile home is not paid on or before the due date prescribed under section 7 of this chapter, the same penalties apply that are imposed under IC 1971, 6-1.1-37-10 for the late payment of property taxes. In addition, the mobile home and the personal property of a delinquent taxpayer shall be levied upon and sold in the same manner that a taxpayer's personal property is levied upon and sold under IC 1971, 6-1.1-23 for the non-payment of personal property taxes. (Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.47, SEC.1.)

IC 6-1.1-7-10

Movement of mobile home; transfer of title; permits

Sec. 10. (a) A mobile home may not be moved from one location to another unless the owner or the occupier obtains a permit to move the mobile home from the county treasurer.

- (b) The bureau of motor vehicles may not transfer the title to a mobile home unless the owner obtains a permit to transfer the title from the county treasurer.
- (c) A county treasurer shall issue a permit which is required to either move, or transfer the title to, a mobile home if the taxes due on the mobile home have been paid. The permit shall state the date it is issued.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.47, SEC.1.)

IC 6-1.1-7-10.4

Sale of mobile home

Sec. 10.4. The owner of a mobile home who sells the mobile home to another person shall provide the purchaser with the permit required by section 10(b) of this chapter before the sale is consummated.

As added by Acts 1977, P.L.65, SEC.1.

IC 6-1.1-7-11

Movers of mobile homes; possession of permit

Sec. 11. (a) A person who is engaged to move a mobile home may not provide that service unless the owner or occupier presents him with a permit to move the mobile home and the permit is dated not more than one (1) month before the date of the proposed move. The mover shall retain possession of the permit while the mobile home is in transit.

(b) The mover shall return the permit to the owner or occupier of the mobile home when the move is completed.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.47, SEC.1.)

IC 6-1.1-7-12

Violation of IC 6-1.1-7-11(a); offense

Sec. 12. A person who violates section 11(a) of this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.47, SEC.1.) As amended by Acts 1978, P.L.2, SEC.601.

IC 6-1.1-7-13

Violation of IC 6-1.1-7-3; offense

Sec. 13. A person who violates section 3 of this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.47, SEC.1.) As amended by Acts 1978, P.L.2, SEC.602.

IC 6-1.1-7-14

Violation of IC 6-1.1-7-10.4; offense

Sec. 14. A person who violates section 10.4 of this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

As added by Acts 1977, P.L.65, SEC.2. Amended by Acts 1978, P.L.2, SEC.603.